MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Were the duties and responsibilities of the Sanitary Commissioner enlarged at the time the pay of the appointment was raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he did the same duties as before.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Were they to any extent lightened at the time the present incumbent was appointed to the place ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are not the duties and responsibilities of this officer growing in proportion to the increased activities of the Government in all directions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand how the increased activities of the Government will increase the work of the Sanitary Commissioner.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government prepared to say so ?

PRESIDENT: That is purely a matter of opinion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Were there any reasons for reducing the pay of the post from Rs. 600 to Rs. 300 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did it as a measure of retrenchment of expenditure.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is there any other instance in which the pay of an appointment has been similarly reduced?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Member please mention an instance ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The pay of the Inspector of English Schools was reduced when Mr. Pryde joined the College. There are other instances also.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I want an instance of an appointment held by Indians.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say now.

Pay of Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar, Sanitary Commissioner.

326. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what service Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar had put in and what salary he was drawing at the time of his appointment as Sanitary Commissioner and will they also be pleased to furnish similar information in respect of the present Commissioner ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time of his appointment as Sanitary Commissioner, Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar

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had put in a service of 8 years, 7 months and 11 days under the British Government. No information is available regarding his pay while in the British service. The present Sanitary Commissioner, when he was appointed to that post, had put in a service of 18 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was drawing a pay of Rs. 230 per mensem at that time.

Vernacular Text Book Committee.

327. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation is given in the Text Book Committee for the selection of Tamil text-books? If so, who are the members to represent Tamil, and what are their qualifications in Tamil?

(*b*) Are they aware of the several representations made by Tamilian public meetings, expressing their dissatisfaction at the inadequate representation of Tamil in the Vernacular Text Book Committee?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to remove the defect either by adding more Tamilian members to the Vernacular Text Book Committee or by constituting a separate Text Book Committee for Tamil?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(1) Mr. C. N. A. Ramiah Sastri, M. A. His second language for the M. A. degree examination in Malayalam was Tamil.

(2) Mr. U. Ramakrishna Kukilaya, B. A., L. T. He took his B. A. degree with Tamil as second language.

3) Mr. S. M. Sulaiman, B. A. He is conversant with Tamil.

(*b*) Yes, some of them.

(*c*) There is no defect.

Tamilian Members on the Vernacular Text Book Committee.

328. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the names of the members who represent the Tamil language on the new Vernacular Text Book Committee constituted in December 1925;

(2) how it is possible to constitute a sub-committee for Tamil when a necessity arises; and

(3) whether they have received representations on this matter from any public meeting held at Trivandrum or elsewhere in the State; and if so, the action taken on them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1), (2) and (3) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 327. The representations are under the consideration of the Government.

Absence of Pupils from Examinations.

329. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether pupils of English Schools were absent on account of illness during the recent annual examinations, and if so, how many;

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